

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Funding for Truckee Community Park Released

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The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has notified the Mountain Area Preservation Foundation that \$93,500 awarded as a grant in December 2008 is now available for Final Planning and Design of the Trout Creek Pocket Park located in downtown Truckee.

"The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has shown real fortitude in assuring that important community projects like this one aimed at improving water quality conditions in Trout Creek are fully funded," stated MAPF Executive Director Kaitlin Backlund.

"This funding, along with that provided by the Town of Truckee and the Truckee Tahoe Community Foundation, is critical to moving the project forward," she continued. "With the release of these funds for planning and design, we can start thinking about pulling together the volunteers and resources that will be needed for the actual construction!"

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy was created by legislation signed into law in 2004 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The organization covers 25 million acres in all or part of 22 California counties and initiates, encourages and supports efforts that improve the environmental, economic and social well-being of the Sierra Nevada Region, its communities and the citizens of California.

Once completed, the restored Trout Creek Pocket Park will provide protections to a part of Trout Creek while also creating a community-gathering place that can be easily used as an outdoor classroom, viewing area for public art, connector to bike and pedestrian trails and as a place to relax and just listen to the creek.

To date, the project has been guided by a broad-based steering committee that includes representatives from CATT Community Project, Truckee River Watershed Council, Sierra Business Council, Truckee Trails Foundation, Local Arts Community, Town of Truckee and Mountain Area Preservation Foundation. Both LJM Design Group and Foster Engineering have donated in-kind services to get the project off the ground.

"The Trout Creek Pocket Park was identified for improvements during the creation of the Downtown Specific Plan and we are pleased to be working with MAPF and others in the steering committee to bring this restoration project to fruition." responded Alex Terrazas, Assistant Manager for the Town of Truckee.

Tom Just of CATT Community Project was pleased to hear of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant award. "We look forward to getting our volunteers involved and participating in the actual construction of the new park," she said.

"We hope that as more people become aware of Trout Creek and the unique attributes an urban stream brings to a community, that we will see continued support for restoring the Creek all the way down to where it flows into the Truckee River," responded Lisa Wallace, Executive Director of the Truckee River Watershed Council.